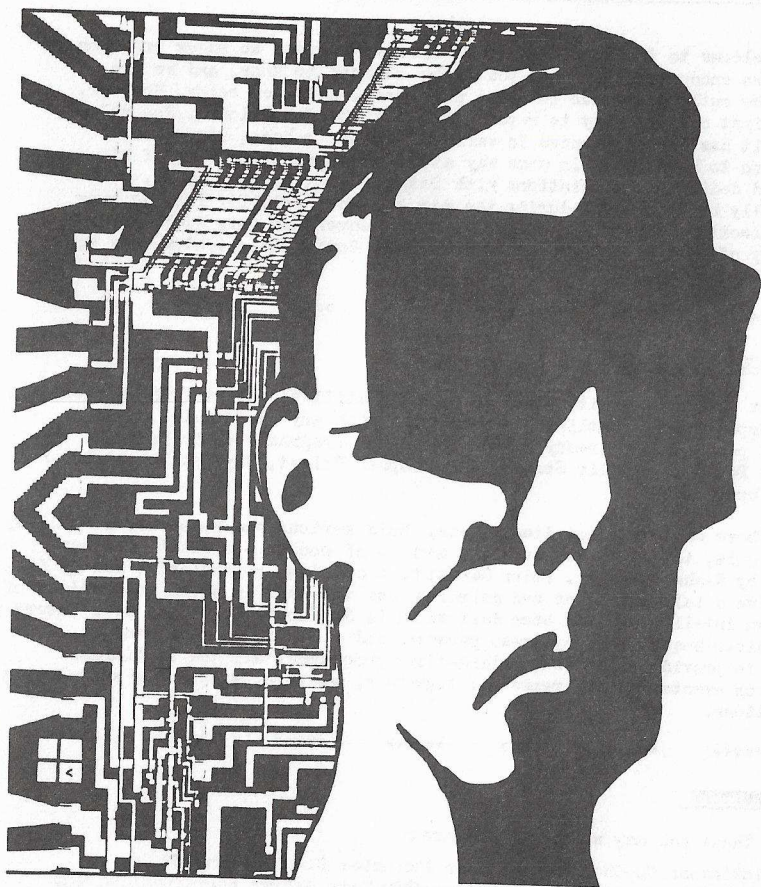


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PROGRESS REPORT NO. 2



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Welcome to the second of our Progress Reports. No major problems have been encountered as yet, you'll be pleased to know, and we can offer the outlines of our intended programme, detailed below. However, it is first our sad duty to report the death of John Michael Rosenblum. Whilst it has been announced in various organs to date, it was our intention to honour him in some way at the convention in view of his long and dedicated associations with Science Fiction and fandom, especially here in Leeds during the war and the early fifties. We know he was looking forward to the forthcoming convention very much, and we can only offer our condolences to his widow Betty and extend a very warm welcome to her at Easter next year.

THE YORCON PROGRAMME

At this stage, with about six months still to go until the convention, it is impossible to outline the programme with any exactitude. However, several people have already promised to make programme contributions; they include Bob Shaw, Philip Strick, Christopher Priest, Roy Kettle and Brian Stableford.

There will be panel discussions, both serious and humorous, a "Call My Bluff" quiz, talks, films, auctions and - of course - a Guest of Honour speech by Richard Cowper. Peter Garratt, a clinical psychologist and SF fan, will give a talk on whales and dolphins and the ways in which the subject of cetacean intelligence has been dealt with in SF. There will also be a Saturday night discotheque, a fancy dress parade, and a Sunday evening banquet. We intend to provide a full and interesting programme; all the traditional Eastercon events will be repeated, together, we hope, with a few stimulating innovations.

THE COMMITTEE

Those you may wish to blame are:

Mike Dickinson: Co-Chairman @@@ Dave Pringle: Co-Chairman @@@
Alan Dorey: Registrations & Secretary @@@ Kate Jeary: Registrations @@@
Paul & Jan Matthews: Art Show @@@ Carol Gregory: Films @@@
Ian Williams: Fan Room @@@ Charlotte Bowden: Treasurer @@@

YORCON The 30th British Easter Science Fiction Convention at the Dragonara Hotel, Leeds, APRIL 13th-16th 1979.

Fan Hospitality Room

Organiser: Ian Williams.

I hope I'm not being over ambitious, but what I'm aiming to do with the Fan Hospitality Room are three things:

Its use as a hospitality room is important; for people at their first convention it can be a confusing experience, especially if they come by themselves. I'm hoping to keep the room open as much as possible and there will always be someone there to try and help newcomers to conventions. If you want information, advice or simply just to talk - the Fan Room is there for you.

The Fan Room is actually split over two adjacent rooms. The first is for hospitality and display, which brings me onto the second function. The 1970's have been an active and prestigious decade for British Fandom and I hope to chronicle this with a large display entitled "The Visual History of British Fandom in the Seventies". This is to be a compilation of brief text, photographs, illustrations, fanzine covers etc, presented in a chronological form. Also on display will be fanzines (Note to all fan editors: Please bring along plenty of copies, either to sell or give away), information about local groups and many other aspects of fandom. We also hope to show a retrospective view of 40's fandom, which had some of its roots in Leeds.

The third function of the Fan Room is the Fan Programme, all items on which will be held in the second room. The programme will be a mixture of serious and silly items, including one controversial panel and an item by our Fan Guests of Honour, Pat & Graham Charnock.

Ian Williams October 1978.

Note: Ian will be writing in PR3 a brief article on what Science Fiction fandom is about.

An open letter to all attending YORCON from the Dragonara Hotel

On behalf of myself and the staff at the Dragonara Hotel, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all the members of YORCON to the Dragonara Hotel for their convention during Easter 1979.

Accommodation has been reserved as follows:-

£7.00 per person, plus VAT, sharing twin bedded/Double accommodation
£10.00 per person, plus VAT, for single occupancy.

An English Breakfast, Buffet style, will be served @ £1.25 plus VAT.

Our rates are inclusive of Cover and Service Charge.

A Formal Dinner will be arranged for Members and guest speakers at a charge of £6.00 per person, plus VAT.

The facilities of both the Rosewood Bar and Brigantes Bar will be available to the members; personal service will be maintained until minimum numbers necessitate drinks being ordered from our 24hr Room Service.

Special menus will be prepared by our chef: Bangers & Mash or equivalent.

An all out campaign is underway to bring Real Ale to the Hotel for this occasion, which I am sure will be well appreciated.

Car Parking facilities are available on the hotel premises, free of charge.

Meeting Room facilities will be made available for the convention at no extra charge.

Yours Sincerely,

JOHN HEFORTH, Sales Manager.

YORCON bookroom

Tables will be available for book dealers at the convention. These will be located in the bookroom, a secure self-contained room - with the added attraction of an adjacent bar for those that require refreshment.

- 1) Tables are bookable for a charge of £7 each
- 2) A provisional limit of four tables per dealer will be made, although this may be subject to alteration when potential demand is known.

An auction will be held at the convention in aid of TAFF (The Transatlantic Fan Fund) and other worthy causes. Any material for the auction (such as books, magazines, artwork, signed works, fanzines and any other items of SF interest) will be gratefully received by the Committee at the Convention.

ADVERTISING RATES AND DETAILS

All copy should be sent to YORCON
at: Flat 7, 301 Chapeltown Road,
LEEDS 7.

All copy sent for inclusion in either the two remaining Progress Reports or the Convention Book itself must be camera-ready copy and Black on White. We are sorry but we cannot accept any orders for colour printing.

No copy should exceed size A4, and if A4 size is requested, please ensure that there are sufficient margins surrounding the ad. All copy will be reduced by 50% for printing, thus size A4 will become size A5 and so on.

RATES

PROFESSIONAL: Convention Booklet (Deadline FEBRUARY 28th 1979.)

Full Page: £20, Half Page: £12, Quarter Page: £7

: Progress Reports 3 and/or 4 (Deadline for PR3 is November 30th 1978. Deadline for PR4 is January 30th 1979.)

Full Page: £8, Half Page: £4.50, Quarter Page: £2.75

FAN/AMATEUR: Convention Booklet (Deadline as for Professional)

Full Page: £13, Half Page: £7, Quarter Page: £4

: Progress Reports 3, 4 (Deadlines as for Professional)

Full Page: £5, Half Page: £3 Quarter Page: £2

If half-tone printing is required, please add £1 to each page or part page requested.

YORCON art show

As is usual at Easter Conventions, there will be an Art Show at Yorcon, and we are hoping to make it something special. The Art Show will have sole use of a large secure room on the main floor, with a bar close at hand.

An invitation is now extended to all those wishing to display their artwork at the Convention. If you would like to display your work will you please write to us and let us have the following details:

- 1) Number of Pictures
 - 2) Medium and Subject
 - 3) Their size
-) Please use the handy form below, or at least take a copy of it.

If demand exceeds the space available, it may prove necessary to impose a limit on the number of works per person that can be displayed. Confirmation of space allocated will be given out with Progress Report 4 which is to be published in March 1979.

Competitions will be staged, in various categories, and prizes awarded to the most popular pictures. Artwork may be offered for sale at YORCON, but Convention Funds will claim a meagre 10% commission on each sale.

So let's be hearing from you budding Rembrandts (remember what his etchings did for him!) and bear in mind that wall space will be allocated on a first-come first-served basis. Let us have the afore mentioned details, clearly written please and we will look forward to seeing both you and your work at Yorcon next year.

Paul & Jan Matthews.

Using the coupon below, please send the relevant details to:

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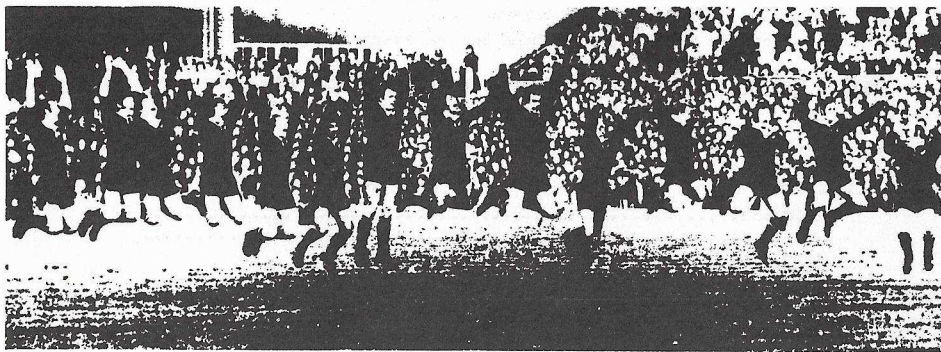
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Fan Guests of Honour

PAT & GRAHAM CHARNOCK

Pat and Graham Charnock have long been known for their many and varied contributions to SF fandom. Graham was first off the mark with his fanzine PHILE, which reflected much of the character of the "New Wave" - that ill-defined but convenient term for the changes which animated the SF world in the latter part of the sixties. He was later an assistant editor with NEW WORLDS (in its large-paper Arts Council incarnation) and also sold stories not only to NEW WORLDS but to ORBIT, NEW WRITINGS IN SF, TITBITS, FLIRT and DANGEROUS VISIONS. Meanwhile Pat was gaining experience of fandom, and joined Graham on the committee of the 1975 Eastercon, remembered as a notably successful convention. Provoked by old codgers (G.Pickersgill, L.R.A Kettle, etc) rambling on about the great days of PHILE, the female Charnock struck a blow for indepenance by creating WRINKLED SHREW, widely acknowledged as one of the most lively and entertaining fanzines of the seventies. Graham replied with the slimmer VIBRATOR, where his own talent for effective and economical writing showed to good advantage. During this period he was also active as a musician, appearing with The Burlingtons at the 1975 and 1977 Eastercons. On recordings he was featured with Michael Moorcock and The Deep Fix on NEW WORLDS FAIR in 1975, and with Pat, R.G.K. "Macho" Rachman and C.Carr Haghonk (two former members of the Teutonic Nites, a punk C & W group well known in the Ladbroke Bier Keller) on THE ASTRAL LEAUGE'S GOLDEN GREATS in 1977. A change of address and labours on behalf of Britain's 1979 Worldcon (Graham has been a committee member since the bid's inception and Pat recently took on the duties of Secretary) have restricted Charnockian fanzine activity over the last year, but a successor to the 70 page 7th issue of WS is promised soon. Since anything done by a Charnock or Charnox (the usual collective noun) is worth celebrating, this should form an appropriate accompaniment to their appearance as Joint Fan Guests of Honour.



The Leeds S F Group after several beers consumed on a Saturday lunchtime.

Additional Information

If you want any further details, or wish to ask specific questions please write to:
Alan Dorey, c/o 20 Hermitage Woods Crescent,
St.John's, WOKING, Surrey, GU21 1UE.

DEPOSITS: Unfortunately since the last PR, it has become Ladbroke Hotel policy to charge a deposit on all room bookings, and the Dragonara has had to bow to such policy. We have tried to keep them as low as possible, and there will be a flat rate of £10 per person, irrespective of whether you are using a single or double room. Full details will be sent out with our next PR on the hotel booking forms.

CONVENTION MEMBERS: (List correct to October 12th)

126 Mike Ford	142 Alan Morris	157 Josh Kirby
127 Roy Hill	143 Alexandra Daly	158 Leonard Kirkup
128 Rob Hansen	144 Brian Stableford	159 David F. Breen
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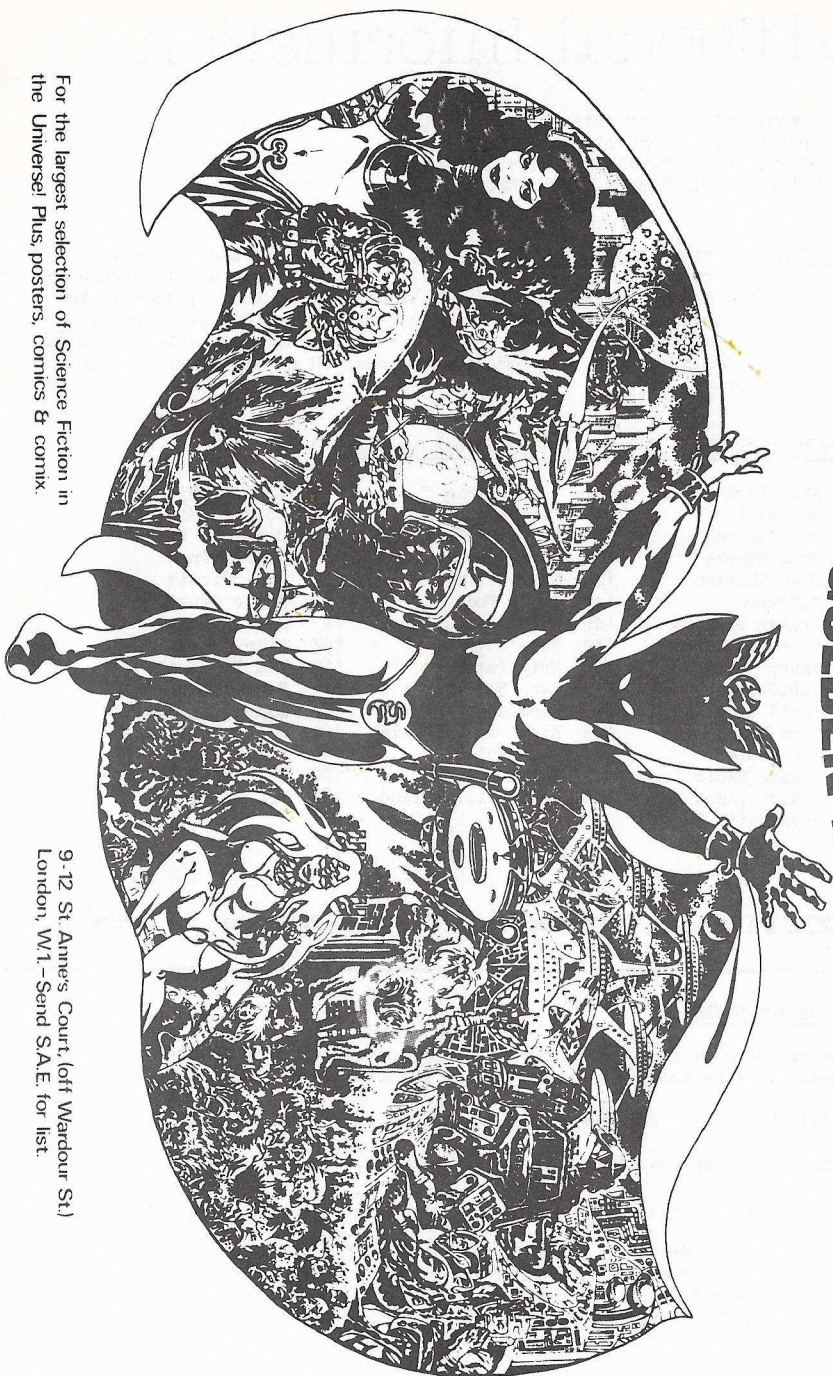
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